15th October 2007 on 24x7 basis. Early Warning Centre receives real time Seismic. Bottom Pressure Recorder (BPR), Tide Gauge data from national as well as other International networks. The progression of the tsunami wave is monitored through the BPRs placed at sea bottom in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea which have real time connectivity with the warning system. Seismic, sea-level and BPR data are continuously monitored in the Early Warning Centre using custom built software application that generates alarms/alerts in the warning centre whenever a pre-set threshold is crossed.

**ACPP recommendation to curb overcrowding in jails**

975. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hong Kong based Asian Center for the Progress of Peoples (ACPP) has urged the Indian Government to curb overcrowding in jails and juvenile homes and to promote dignity of the prisoners/inmates;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to improve the condition of various jails in the country; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard alongwith financial assistance likely to be provided to each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) "Prisons" is a State subject under List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution and Prison Administration is the responsibility of the State Governments. However, in order to improve the condition of prisons and prisoners, the Central Government started a non-plan scheme in 2002-03 for construction of additional prisons/barracks to reduce overcrowding, repair and renovation of existing prisons, improvement in sanitation and water supply and living conditions of prisoners. The scheme is being implemented over a period of five years with a total outlay of Rs. 1800 crore on cost sharing basis in the ratio of 75:25 between the Central and State Governments respectively. The scheme has since been extended upto 31.3.2009. A statement showing funds released to various States is enclosed (*See* below).

Considering the demands of various States for granting further financial assistance for construction of new jails/additional barracks so as to address the problem of over crowding, the Ministry of Home Affairs has initiated the process of formulating second phase of the scheme of modernization of prisons. Necessary steps are being taken in this regard in consultation with the Ministry of Finance.

***Statement***

*Details of Utilisation of central share by the State Government under the Scheme of Modernisation of Prisons*

(Rs. Crore)

| S.No. | Name of State | Central share entitlement | Central share released |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 79.725 | 79.7250 |
| 2. | Assam | 29.3775 | 28.6637 |
| 3. | Bihar | 134.5725 | 134.5722 |
| 4. | Chhattisgarh | 28.0275 | 21.7977 |
| 5. | Goa | 10.215 | 10.1925 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 49.41 | 49.4100 |
| 7. | Haryana | 77.07 | 77.0775 |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 15.1575 | 15.1425 |
| 9. | Jammu and Kashmir | 23.175 | 21.6553 |
| 10. | Jharkhand | 31.68 | 31.6800 |
| 11. | Karnataka | 40.425 | 40.3508 |
| 12. | Kerala | 24.57 | 24.5550 |
| 13. | Madhya Pradesh | 116.355 | 106.8175 |
| 14. | Maharashtra | 96.87 | 96.8625 |
| 15. | Manipur | 11.775 | 11.6103 |
| 16. | Meghalaya | 12.2775 | 12.2700 |
| 17. | Mizoram | 13.3275 | 13.3125 |
| 18. | Nagaland | 11.8875 | 11.8500 |
| 19. | Orissa | 80.55 | 80.5500 |
| 20. | Punjab | 55.845 | 44.6700 |
| 21. | Rajasthan | 48.8625 | 48.8400 |
| 22. | Sikkim | 13.635 | 13.6350 |
| 23. | Tamil Nadu | 71.505 | 69.2918 |
| 24. | Tripura | 20.985 | 20.9850 |
| 25. | Uttar Pradesh | 173.4375 | 173.4375 |
| 26. | Uttaranchal | 22.74 | 22.7250 |
| 27. | West Bengal | 53.925 | 51.2275 |
| | TOTAL | 1347.3825 | 1312.9068 |